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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Topics Proposed for Conceptual Discussion by the USIB

1. At the next USIB meeting (presently scheduled for 25 April), the DCI would like to have a conceptual discussion of the following two topics:

a. The Intelligence Community's MBFR Monitoring Capabilities. The background on this project is contained in my 12 April memorandum for the USIB entitled "Analysis of MBFR Monitoring Capabilities." A suggested schema for the work that would be involved was forwarded as Attachment (2) to that 12 April memorandum and is also appended here as Tab A.

b. Proposed National Intelligence Analytical Memorandum Assessing the Arab-Israeli Military Balance. Recent informal discussions with colleagues and policy-level consumers in State, Defense and the NSC Staff -- not to mention the current Congressional dialogue -- all suggest that a basic, in-depth assessment of the post-October 1973 war military situation in the Middle East would make a significant and helpful contribution to the national decision-making process. Moreover, the Intelligence Community itself would probably

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benefit from such an effort which, if properly done, would sharpen and improve our analysis of the key factors in the current Middle East military situation. The last such overall assessment was done in 1970 and, as is virtually self-evident, 1970's judgments in this sphere should not be used as 1974's assumption. A suggested outline describing the scope of the project here envisaged is appended as Tab B.

2. As has been the case in previous discussions of this type, the DCI is not seeking agreement on precise language or coordination on any precise terms of reference. Instead, he would like to sponsor a general discussion of these two intelligence problems. The attached outlines are offered as stimuli to conversation rather than as documents proposed for specific coordination.

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